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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the Japanese documents are enclosed, together with English Abstracts for the Japanese documents.

These documents may be deemed pertinent because they were cited in an Office Action issued January 11, 2005 in a counterpart Japanese application. U.S. Patent No. 6,052,479 corresponds to JP 09-018708 and U.S. Patent No. 6,346,989 corresponds to JP 06-105136.

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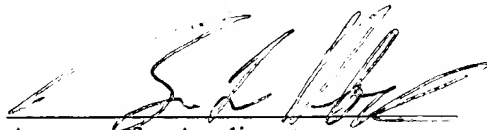
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Respectfully submitted,

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